

C+I Contract Subcommittee

State can make WIS line available but staff don't want to make the arrangements – DWD will send out instructions.

Subcommittees need chair and co-chair, expectation to serve through 2002-2003 contract period, need to attend C&I. Tina Koehn volunteered to chair or co-chair. Pam Fendt volunteered to co-chair. These volunteers were accepted in these roles.

Deb Hughes raised a question about unspent CR from last round , estimates of this amount could be higher than \$15M initially planned for by Joint Finance ~ \$20-30M

Ed Kamin made a recommendation to focus on the criteria: how to access contingency fund and ensure the continuing availability of the fund (Kenosha's experience from previous contract period)

Tina Koehn proposed a quarterly reconciliation process, with a clause that \$ leftover can't offset operating

Question: Would we change the access criteria if it looked like we had an insufficient amount of contingency fund?

Another question: Last 6 months of contract is forward funded – how would contingency fund access affect this?

Contingency Fund Access Criteria and Timeline

Agreement that there is a need to modify access criteria on page 1 of the document (contract appendix) distributed by Tina.

Pam Fendt noted that there is a discrepancy between the criteria on page 1 and the mechanisms for justifying meeting the criteria on page 2.

Deb Hughes noted that she doesn't want to cut short Community Reinvestment commitments, is there a way to preserve the CR that has been committed to sub-contractors? A way to encumber that, consider it obligated and not available for benefits?

Had a previous work group on the issue of access criteria. Use suggestions from that issue paper as well.

Mechanism for VOLUNTARY deobligation of unspent (benefit) funds to another agency with over spending – reserve this as an OPTIONAL vehicle

This is working is in current IM contracts.

Issues to address include:

Timing issue – Joint Finance has 13.10 meetings on a quarterly basis

The statement that there needs to be a complete spending of benefit allocation. Finance people of the agencies/counties are very upset by just 2-3 months of overspending. Can't plan, keep staffed, offer desired services in this uncertain environment.

Group should define what is "out of \$" means or state will do it.

Someone proposed a calculation of "projected to exhaust" timetables

W-2 Agency should be able to submit a request for CF at any time with their own projections, then DWD and Joint Finance can review their reasoning.

DWD can recommend or not recommend a request, but it would still go before Jt. Finance – what about also having it come before this sub-committee and/or C+I?

We need to encumber the CF funding in some way or legislature might appropriate it for something else.

A quarterly reconciliation procedure (up and down) would allow agencies to cover the demand for benefits without endangering their operations and would ensure that the CF money could be tapped into as needed.

Tina Koehn will lead a workgroup on contingency fund access methodology (when/how to access)

Pam Fendt will lead a workgroup on access criteria (who is eligible to draw down money from contingency fund) NOTE: Subsequent to someone suggesting during the conference call that the co-chairs lead these workgroups, two W-2 agency representatives have volunteered to assist Pam with the second workgroup.

Next conference call for the full subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th at 10 am.